

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 are cancelled.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of alleviating inflammation or pain in an inflamed or painful joint of a mammal, comprising administration of an effective amount of pantothenic acid or a derivative thereof by injection into the region of an inflamed or painful joint to obtain alleviation of said inflammation or pain.

11. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 10, in which the joint is affected by a disorder from tennis elbow, housemaid's knee, frozen shoulder, inflamed knee joints, and hip and back pain, and associated with inflammation or restricted movement in the of spinal vertebrae.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10, wherein the derivative is a salt of pantothenic acid.

13. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein the salt is the a calcium salt.

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein said pantothenic acid or a derivative thereof is injected as the injectable medicament comprises an aqueous solution of pantothenic acid or a derivative thereof.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein ~~the medicament~~ said pantothenic acid or a derivative thereof is co-administered with a local anesthetic.

16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein ~~the medicament~~ said pantothenic acid or a derivative thereof is co-administered with cysteine or glucosamine.

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein ~~the medicament~~ said pantothenic acid or a derivative thereof is co-administered with a surface active phospholipid.

18. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein the surface active phospholipid comprises dipalmitoyl-phosphatidyl choline.

19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein the surface active phospholipid comprises phosphatidyl glycerol.

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein ~~the medicament~~ said pantothenic acid or a derivative thereof is co-administered with a local anesthetic.

21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein ~~the medicament~~ said pantothenic acid or a derivative thereof is co-administered with cysteine or glucosamine.

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein ~~the medicament~~ said pantothenic acid or a derivative thereof is co-administered with a surface active phospholipid.

23. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 22, wherein the surface active phospholipid comprises dipalmitoyl-phosphatidyl choline.

24. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 22, wherein the surface active phospholipid comprises phosphatidyl glycerol.

25. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the surface active phospholipid comprises a mixture of dipalmitoyl-phosphatidyl choline and phosphatidyl glycerol.

26. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the surface active phospholipid comprises a mixture of dipalmitoyl-phosphatidyl choline and phosphatidyl glycerol.